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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated December 31, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

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